

Appendix table 4-24.

**Earned doctoral degrees in science and engineering, by field: 1950–65 (selected years)**

Field	1950	1955	1960	1965
<b>All degrees</b> .....	6,535	8,905	9,998	17,110
Science and engineering .....	4,344	5,847	6,500	11,108
Natural sciences .....	2,975	3,719	4,131	6,282
Physical sciences .....	1,474	1,524	1,681	2,545
Earth sciences .....	130	180	251	395
Life & agricultural sciences <sup>a</sup> .....	1,371	2,015	2,199	3,342
Mathematical sciences .....	176	243	289	734
Social & behavioral sciences .....	978	1,604	1,684	2,473
Psychology .....	360	734	752	1,072
Social sciences .....	618	870	932	1,401
Engineering .....	469	649	825	2,186

<sup>a</sup>Life science is different from biological science as reported by the National Science Foundation in subsequent years.SOURCE: National Research Council, *A Century of Doctorates: Data Analyses of Growth and Change*, Project Director, Lindsey Harmon (Washington, DC: National Academy of Sciences, 1978).

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